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SUBJECT: CYPRUS DEMONSTRATION IN STOCKHOLM

1. A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 600 PERSONS, MANY OF THEM GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOIS, DEMONSTRATED AGAINST U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS OUTSIDE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AUGUST 20. A HEAVILY REINFORCED POLICE GUARD PREVENTED THE CROWD FROM REACHING THE EMBASSY PROPER. ALTHOUGH THE CROWD WAS GENERALLY ORDERLY, THERE WAS SOME SHOIVING AS SEVERAL DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO BREACH THE METAL BARRIERS SET UP BY THE POLICE.

2. THE DEMONSTRWORS INITIALLY ASSEMBLED IN A DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM SQUARE AND THEN MARCHED TO THE EMBASSY. FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, THE GROUP WAS HARRANGUED
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OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY BY ITS LEADERS, WHO LED IN THE

SHOUTING OF ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS SUCH AS "KISSINGER MURDERER", AND "U.S.A., HANDS OFF CYPRUS", ETC.) BOTH IN SWEDISH AND GREEK. AFTER BURNING AN AMERICAN FLAG, THE GROUP DISPERSED PEACEFULLY. NO ARRESTS WERE REPORTED.

3. ALTHOUGH THE LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED BY THE GROUP PROTESTED BOTH THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS AS WELL AS ALLEGED "U.S. AND NATO INTRIGUES AIMED AT THE PARTITION OF CYPRUS AND ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO A HUGE BASE", THE DEMONSTRATORS IGNORED THE TURKISH EMBASSY, LOCATED CLOSE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY AND NEAR THEIR LINE OF MARCH. AS IN THE CASE OF OUR CHANCERY, THE TURKISH EMBASSY WAS WELL PROTECTED BY POLICE CONTINGENTS. THE LIBERAL DAILY DAGENS NYHETER, NOTING THE IRONY OF THE "SELECTIVE" DEMONSTRATION, COMMENTED: "DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT IS TURKISH FORCES WHICH ADVANCE AND TURKISH AIRCRAFT WHICH BOMB, THE DEMONSTRATORS LEFT THE TURKISH EMBASSY ALONE ALTHOUGH IT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY".

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE CYPRUS DEMONSTRATION WAS NOT A LARGE OR VIOLENT AFFAIR, THE PRESENCE IN STOCKHOLM OF A LARGE GREEK COLONY, INCLUDING SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS, CONSTITUTES A NEW FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE SECURITY EQUATION HERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE EVENT THE CYPRUS QUESTION CONTINUES UNRESOLVED. THE SITUATION IS FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE EXTREMELY HEAVY COVERAGE OF GREECE AND CYPRUS, OFTEN CRITICAL OF THE U.S., IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA.

5. IN CONTRAST TO ITS USUAL POLICY OF PASSING MORAL JUDGMENT ON CONFLICTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY CIRCUMSPECT IN ITS PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ON CYPRUS, LIMITING ITSELF TO EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE UN RESOLUTIONS ON THE SITUATION. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SVERKER ASTROM, PHONED ME AUGUST 20 TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES.
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